

Washington, July 6, 1855.

Dear Sir,

About two months ago I requested you (through Prof. Baird) to make a report upon the botanical collection of Gov. Stevens, and to have the plates drawn. The printer is now about to commence Gov. Stevens's report and it is necessary that the plates should go into the engraver's hands at once, as the Superintendent of Public Printing informs me that after the 1st Sept. he will be obliged to give his attention to the Japan Expedition reports, and close the first Vol. of Pacific Rail Road Reports - Gov. Stevens's report forms a part of this first Volume.

Will you please send me the report and drawings if ready, and if not ready inform me when they will be so, and transmit them when prepared. I will be glad to have your suggestions and directions in regard to printing and engraving, and will have proofs of both sent you -

Dr. Asa Gray
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Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
A. A. Humphrey